



## Clerk Report February 2024

### Insurance

New 'welcome' sign delivered to Ringway.

### Warden Updates

Waiting for playpark quotes – new contractor sourced, and a site visit will be undertaken prior to quotes being sent.

Clerk shared our report with the DBC parks officer to ask opinion re observations. DBC use the same company for reporting and commented that 'green' actions are always reported each inspection cycle as the company has a duty to report, however action is not expected on every item listed. High risk items marked red are actioned as a priority and then usual risk assessment processes should be undertaken. This is what NMPC currently do.

I also spoke directly to the inspection company for their reassurance. They confirmed our usual actions are what is expected to mitigate any potential risks.

The warden confirmed that all items were checked following receipt of the report (and continue to be checked weekly as per his usual checks) fixings were checked, and no loose items were found.

### Clerk House Move

Filing cabinet relocated

PO Box address has been updated.

### Christmas Lights

Letter sent to Ringway following Council request (Jan Meeting) waiting for a response

### Action List Updates

- See separate business planning excel sheet [business planning WG.xlsx](#)
- Precept demand submitted, DBC confirmed receipt
- Liaised with AH bursar re fallen tree, broached lease discussions
- Letter sent to Cllr England re climate emergency/local plan-waiting for response.
- Letter sent to C/Cllr Maddern re road safety @ Red Lion Lane/Rucklers Junction. Response received from HCC (portfolio holder RR). HCC are investigating this junction as similar concerns have also been raised by another councillor outside of our parish.
- Letter sent to Canal and River Trust (Nov meeting). Response received and circulated. Waiting for DBC response.

- HCC are collating data re C/Cllr outstanding enquires from action list (SID data)
- DBC are investigating Georgewood steps (at request of B/Cllr)
- DBC have refused new bin @ The Denes unless we can 'swap out' an underused bin.
- Hedgehog Highways on order

#### Training Attended/Attending/CPD

- For All: Invitation to Annual meeting of Hertfordshire Parish, Town and Community Councils and County Councillors held virtually on MS Teams on **Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 5.30 – 7pm**  
This relaunched annual meeting is one element of a series of projects that HCC and HAPTC are progressing to strengthen the relationship between the two sectors of local government recognising more can be achieved working together in delivering the best possible services to residents. You are invited to register for the meeting to receive the joining link (ask clerk)
- Dacorum Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Stakeholder Workshop (details were circulated to all Cllrs), an online workshop took place Tuesday **30th January between 2-4pm**.

#### Correspondence received (please note that this will not include all items dealt with by the clerk)

- Resident complaint re dog waste, related to DBC and B/Cllr
- Freedom of information-request for DBC response re refusal of new tree at Mill Close (provided)

#### Reminder please

Annual reports for 2023/24 which will be needed by **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

- Chairman
- Lead Cllr Finance
- Lead Cllr Planning
- Chairman Personnel
- All w/g leads (if your group has been/will be active in the 12 months up to 31st March 2024).

***Nikki Bugden 6/2/2024***